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105th Airlift Wing Wraps Up Tsunami Relief Efforts

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STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Newburgh, N.Y. - The last Stewart C-5, dispatched to South East Asia in support of the worldwide tsunami relief effort, returned home yesterday after flying two weeks worth of humanitarian airlift missions between Kadena AFB in Japan to Sri Lanka and Thailand. Although the U.S. military continues to play a critical role in tsunami stricken areas, the 105th Airlift Wing does not anticipate flying additional missions in support of "Operation Unified Assistance."

Brigadier General Dana B. Demand, 105th Airlift Wing Commander said, "Hudson Valley residents can take pride in knowing that once again the men and women of the 105th Airlift Wing played a key role in relief operations. We are privileged to have provided humanitarian support for those nations in need."

Since the first Stewart C-5 was sent out on Dec. 31, 2004 the unit has flown a total of 35 sorties, transported 553 military and/or civilian passengers, and airlifted more than 1.8 million pounds of cargo. At the height of the 105th's participation overseas, the unit had three C-5s and four aircrews flying everything from medical supplies to water purification systems into the region. Stewart aircrews were also responsible for transporting critically needed CH-46 (Mini-Chinook) helicopters during the early stages of the operation.

The 105th Airlift Wing is the only Air National Guard unit in the country with an operational C-5 mission. The unit's 13 aircraft regularly fly missions around the world in support of our nation's armed forces. A normal payload for a single C-5 is between 50,000 lbs. and 150,000 lbs. of cargo.

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